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- The new bridge accommodates two lanes of traffic, which will improve traffic operations
- Opening the bridge to accommodate boat traffic will result in traffic delays (similar to existing)
- The new bridge accommodates pedestrian and cycling facilities
- The roadway profile provides relatively flat grades for pedestrians and cyclists
- Requires minor local road connections
- The structure type (movable) is not common in Ontario and requires specialized fabrication and construction techniques
- Impacts fiber optic facilities
- Does not impact hydro facilities
- Lower construction cost when compared to the fixed bridge or tunnel alternatives
- Higher operating and maintenance costs when compared to the fixed bridge and tunnel alternatives

Environment

Smaller footprint when compared to fixed bridge alternative, and lower potential impacts to terrestrial ecosystems, potential species of conservation concern and environmentally sensitive areas

Community

- Does not impact any existing residential dwellings
- Requires acquisition of approximately 3.5 ha of land
- Opening the bridge to accommodate boat traffic could impact emergency response and evacuation access (similar to existing)
- No impacts to existing walking trails and municipal park
- No change to access to Little Current business areas
- Potential impacts to potential contaminated lands on Goat Island
- Provides an opportunity for replacement with a sympathetically designed structure
- Provides an opportunity to relocate the existing bridge as a monument

